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SEED CATALOG

Garden Seeds for the North

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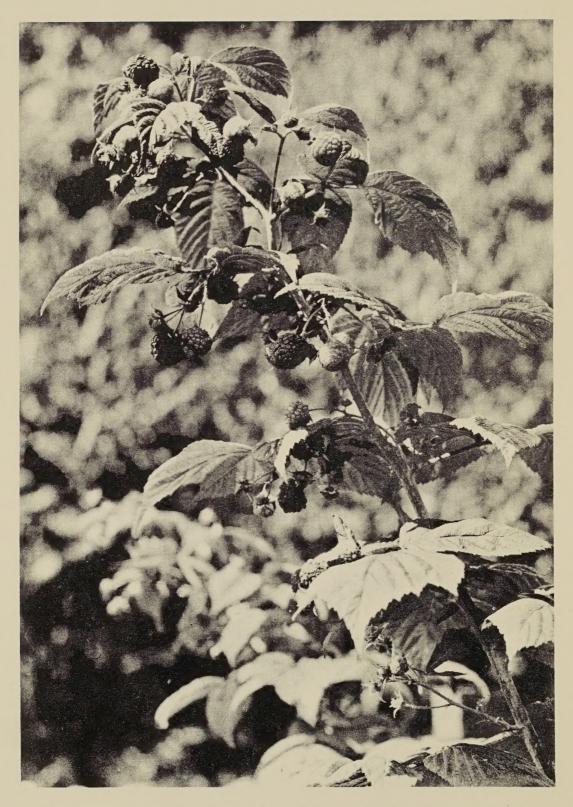
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BILLY HEPLER SEED CO.

76 Madbury Road - Durham, New Hampshire

Our Plant Nursery





The Durham raspberry is both a July and fall bearing variety. Most people prefer to cut the bushes back to the ground in fall, then fertilize heavily. Use clean cultivation, thin shoots to six inches between plants for a fall crop only. The above picture taken in September.

THE BILLY HEPLER SEED COMPANY has had its eleventh birthday. It has been a pleasure to provide our northern neighbors with varieties and strains bred especially for our cool short seasons; varieties of high yield, good quality and early maturing.

Our Maine grower, Mr. Chandler, offers the following plants:

GRANITE CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The Gem, Radiance, Ranger, Glow, Bronze, Primrose and other Korean crosses, all hardy and good. \$1.00 per plant.

Granite Pink Monarda, a showy plant, \$1.00.

(Note): For other plants see pages twenty-one to twenty-three.

The Success Raspberry—a purple cap variety that is hardy and very productive of large, high quality, purple fruit. It has yielded as much as three quarts per plant. Success does not produce shoots like Durham but is propagated by cuttings. Single plants, \$1.00 each postpaid.

Also the following Strawberries: Strafford, F13, both late, and Phelps, Great Bay and Blaze, early varieties. Postpaid, 10 for \$1.25; 100 for \$10.00; 1,000 for \$90.00.

SEEDLING GLADS

(Blooming size). You may get a wonderful new variety. \$.25 each

The Billy Hepler Seed Company is in a position to offer attractive prices on corn, beans and peas to commercial gardeners who will buy them in quantities of 50 pounds or more F. O. B. Durham, New Hampshire. The Billy Hepler Seed Company can obtain seed of any standard variety that you wish; varieties not mentioned in this catalog. Write for prices, stating varieties desired.

TOMATOES

All our tomato varieties except Marglobe, Doublerich, Bay State and Waltham Staker are determinate. The seed should not be started before April 20. Do not set out plants that have either fruits or flowers because this delays maturity. They will do best in a rich, well-manured soil with plenty of super phosphate, in a warm location.

- SURE CROP—A UNH introduction. Blight resistant and choice. After years of research by Dr. Yeager and Dr. Rich of the UNH Experiment Station, the Sure Crop tomato has been introduced as an early commercial variety, quite similar to New Hampshire Victor but entirely resistant to late blight and quite resistant to early blight. The tomatoes are bright red in color, from 4 to 5 ounces in size. Because of its resistance to blight, it is more dependable than the older varieties. Only a very little seed available. Packets of 100 seeds, 25 cts. No larger quantities.
- TINY TIM—A UNH introduction. This is a dwarf tomato with fruit about the size of a thumb. It may be started in August, transplanted to a five inch pot filled with rich composted soil. When grown in a sunny window, it will ripen fruit by Christmas. Our seed crop is grown outdoors where the plants yield literally hundreds of tomatoes a plant. Pkt. 25 cts.; ¼ oz. \$1.25.
- EARLY CHATHAM—A UNH introduction. This is the earliest commercial tomato except for Dixville. It is a high yielding variety with a smooth red skin, weighing 3 to 4 ounces. Every year we have selected our stock seed from the earliest plants that bear many large tomatoes. I recommend this variety above all others for an early market tomato. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 55 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.05; ¼ lb. \$3.15.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE VICTOR—A UNH introduction. This tomato is specially bred for the North. The fruit is red in color, weighing 4 to 5 ounces. This variety is an excellent main crop tomato very popular in New Hampshire. In our own fields this tomato was a very heavy yielder of smooth, crack-free tomatoes. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 65 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.20; ¼ lb. \$3.75.
- DOUBLERICH—This variety is the culmination of 15 to 20 years of tomato breeding by Doctor Yeager and perhaps one of the finest of our home garden varieties. It is an indeterminate variety, very productive, deep red in color, and with a Vitamin C content double or more that of standard varieties. The reports on this variety have been almost universally promising. Packet 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$2.50; ¼ lb. \$7.50.
- MARGLOBE—The standard main crop or late tomato for southern New Hampshire. It is not as early as our other tomatoes. The tomatoes are large, round in shape, and red in color. Our strain is especially chosen for New England conditions. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 55 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.05; ½ lb. \$3.15.

- RED PICKLER—Another of Doctor Yeager's remarkable tomatoes. A Chicago pickling firm grew more than 14 tons of these tomatoes on 2 acres from approximately 2 ounces of seed. The tomatoes on 6 plants at the UNH Horticultural Farm averaged 415 fruits per plant in 1952 and over 1400 in 1953. Their fruits are small, pear shaped, bright red in color, and excellent in quality. A very few plants will fill your needs. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.70; 1 oz. \$3.00; ¼ lb. \$9.00.
- FORDHOOK—This is a good-sized 4-5 oz. pink tomato growing on a dwarf plant. It is mid-season to late in maturing. Plant growers find this variety an excellent seller. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$3.00; 1 oz. \$5.00.
- WALTHAM STAKER—Gardeners who like to stake their tomatoes, choose this variety as tops in its class. It produces high yields, grows rapidly, and is an excellent shipper; a market garden variety. Pkt. 25 ets.; ½ oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$2.50.
- BAY STATE—This mid-season to late tomato comes from the Waltham Experiment Station, and is planted by Massachusetts gardeners as a high quality, high yielding variety, ripening in the Marglobe class. A beautiful tomato for your home garden. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$2.50; 1 oz. \$4.00.
- HIGH C—While I feel that Double Rich should replace High C, so many people requested it, that I am again offering it. The tomatoes are 3-4 oz. in size and very numerous. Its vitamin C content is equal to that of Double Rich and apparently it grows best in northern New England. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$1.75.
- DIXVILLE—F.N.C.—CAVALIER—We have seed of these three varieties of tomatoes which sell for the same price as New Hampshire Victor. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 65 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.20; ¼ lb. \$3.75.



Peter washing tomato seed

ORANGE TOMATOES

FARGO YELLOW PEAR—One of Dr. Yeager's introductions. A large sized (one ounce) yellow pear tomato of exceptional quality, very sweet and pleasant in flavor. Very good for salads. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 60 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.15; 1 oz. \$2.10.

ORANGE KING—A UNH introduction. This is an orange-colored New Hampshire Victor tomato. A large, high quality, productive tomato, mild and sweet in flavor. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 55 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.05; ¼ lb. \$3.15.

PEPPER

MERRIMACK WONDER (SWEET)—A UNH introduction. This variety has been selected for the short, cool summers of the North. It is a thick-walled sweet pepper, sets fruit early, and is very productive. It has excellent quality. By all means try this variety for an early, high quality pepper. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ oz. 60 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.15; ¼ lb. \$3.25.

PINOCCHIO—A UNH introduction. This variety is a product of Professor Elwyn Meader's skill as a plant breeder. It is a novelty, bearing from 8-15 peppers per plant. The peppers are about the size of your fingers and stick straight up from the plant. It is really a very colorful plant with green, yellowish and red peppers all at the same time. And you can pot it up before frost for a house plant. The peppers are sweet and edible. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ oz. \$2.50; 1 oz. \$4.00.



The Merrimack Wonder Pepper is tops for the North

EGGPLANT

NEW HAMPSHIRE—A UNH introduction. This variety was developed by my dad and was an All America Selections Silver Medal Winner in 1939. An early, large, round fruited variety for cool New England summers. This is the standard variety for New Hampshire. It is a very prolific strain often bearing 6 to 8 fruits per plant. Our strain of seed comes from the original seed introduced in the late thirties. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ oz. 60 cts.; 1 oz. \$1.15; ¼ lb. \$3.25.

GREEN PODDED BUSH BEANS



Green Crop Bean

GREEN CROP BEAN—A UNH introduction and All America winner in 1954. Dr. Yeager's latest bean introduction. It is a stringless, green podded, white seeded snap bean on a sturdy plant that carries the beans well off the ground. The pods, roundish flat, about 8-9 inches long, high in quality when cooked. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 60 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.10.

ROYALTY—A purple podded UNH introduction. This bean, another

of Professor Meader's creations, has a built-in thermostat or marker for blanching when they are canned. As soon as the purple color disappears, they are properly blanched. It germinates in colder soil than ordinary varieties and bean beetles seem to avoid it when other varieties are available. More than a novelty, this snap bean is entirely stringless and really good to eat. After cooking they are bright green in color. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.25.

TINY GREEN—A UNH introduction. A whole canning, high quality snap bean. The seeds are small and white in color; the plants are large and should be spaced 9 to 12 inches apart. It is excellent as a frozen bean. For best quality these beans should be picked while young. You will like this variety. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.00; 1 lb. \$1.75.

TOPCROP—This bean was an All America Selections Gold Medal winner. It is a heavy yielding early green snap bean with pods about 6 inches long, round and straight. The pods all mature at the same time and can be picked in 2 or 3 pickings. It is resistant to common bean mosaic. I am sure you will like this variety. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$2.80.

TENDERGREEN—A high producing green snap bean. The pods are round and are dark green in color. The quality of the bean is good. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$2.80.

WADE—All-America Gold Medal Winner. Upright vigorous plants with pods well off the ground, this variety is the newest and one of the best of the green snap beans. Pods are straight and slender, 5½ to 6 inches long. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$2.95.

WAX PODDED BUSH BEANS

CHEROKEE—A very productive, yellow podded, black seeded snap bean. The pods are straight and fairly long. It has excellent quality, and is a dependable producer even in unfavorable weather conditions. I am sure you will like this bean. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$2.80.

PENCIL POD BLACK WAX—An early wax bean of high quality. The pods are round and nearly straight. A heavy yielder. Excellent for canning and freezing. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$2.80.

POLE BEANS

TOWLE—This variety grows 6 to 8 feet tall and bears a rather heavy crop of pods, 6 to 8 inches long. The pods are not as striped as Flash or Shelleasy, but the beans have the same brilliant red color and are almost twice the size at the best shell stage. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 60 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.05.

CHAMPAGNE—This white seeded heirloom variety grows twenty or more feet high and produces clusters of high quality, long podded snap beans. Because of its vigorous growth it keeps on setting new beans and often you can pick both green shell and snap beans at the same time. While resembling Kentucky Wonder we think it is superior in quality, productiveness, size of plant, resistance to disease, and all around use. Eight to ten hills will produce enough beans for the average family. Pkt. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 60 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.05.



Jack Story of Berlin, N. H., with his remarkable Champagne pole bean planted June 15th. They were ready to pick August 3rd.

- WINFIELD—This is a true pole lima bean, early and productive, and the only lima bean that we have been able to mature consistently. One of our customers said that we did not begin to praise this bean enough. He said it was the highest yielding and the best quality lima bean that he had ever tried, especially for canning and for freezing. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.25.
- KENTUCKY WONDER—New England's favorite green snap pole bean. Prolific and of high quality. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$2.95.

SHELL AND DRY BEANS (BUSH)

- RED SHELLOUT—A UNH introduction. A bush type, green shell bean. Professor Meader crossed Flash with Scarlet Runner and by selection through many generations, produced a round seeded, red colored shell bean with red flowers, fair-sized pods and good yield. The pods are mottled red in color. The beans retain their red color when canned or cooked. They are superior in eating quality to other shell beans. A little later in maturing than Shelleasy. This variety grows much better in cool weather than when it is hot. Excellent for the roadside market trade. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.25. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- FLASH—A UNH introduction. Flash has both red pods and red beans in the green shell stage. As a roadside market bean it is very attractive either shelled or in the pod. This bean is a favorite in New Hampshire. It is an excellent baking bean. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- SHELLEASY—A UNH introduction. It is a heavier yielder, a little earlier, and more disease-resistant than other varieties. Its high yield, easy shelling, and beautiful red pods and beans will make it a favorite for years to come. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- SCARLET BEAUTY—A UNH introduction. Professor Meader has worked on this variety for 5 to 6 years with the result that Scarlet Beauty has long pods, brightly colored with especially beautiful shelled beans. We predict a great future for this bean. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 60 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.00.
- LITTLETON HORTICULTURE—This strain of Horticulture bean excelled all others in a test of about 20 heirloomHorticulture beans from New Hampshire. We highly recommend this bean as a baking bean. It outyields all other beans we have grown in our trials at Durham. Our grower in central New Hampshire prefers this bean over all others of its type. It is the heaviest yielding and most disease-resistant bean on his farm. The bean is kidney-shaped and has excellent quality. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.00.

- JACOB'S CATTLE—Widely known in New Hampshire under such names as Trout and Speckled Beauty. This bean is widely grown for both green and dry shell purposes. Perhaps the prettiest of all dry shell beans. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- SOLDIER—A white kidney bean with the figure of a soldier on its eye. Very popular as a dry shell bean in New Hampshire. One of the best of the heirloom beans. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- HIGHMOOR YELLOW EYE—The old fashioned Yellow Eye was a semi-runner variety that made quite a tangle of vines. The new Highmoor Yellow Eye comes to us from the Maine Experiment Station as a high yielding, disease-resistant, dwarf bean variety superior to the old fashioned type. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- NUTE HORTICULTURE (Goddard)—This heirloom bean is early and productive and has the largest beans of any of the heirlooms offered in this catalog. An excellent green and dry shell bean. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE RED KIDNEY—An heirloom bean that looks exactly like Red Kidney but is 2 weeks earlier and much better in quality. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- BUMBLE BEE—Grown for both green and dry shell. The beans are large, white with a big red eye, really beautiful in the green shell stage. It is of excellent quality as a baking bean. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 60 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.00.
- VERMONT GOLDEN PEA—Many of our customers prefer the Golden Pea bean for baking purposes to all others. The older strains were low yielding, but the Vermont strain has been bred for high quality, high yield, and disease resistance. If you like the Golden Pea, this is the best strain. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- FRENCH HORTICULTURE—There has been so much call for this bean that we are offering it as the standard commercial shell bean and the leading variety in the Boston area. Our strain is the one that has shown up best in the tests at our Horticultural Farm. Pkt. 20 cts.; ¹/₂ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 5 lbs. \$3.00.

LIMA BEANS

FORDHOOK 242—A medium early potato lima. Even under adverse weather conditions this bean can be depended upon to set freely. The pods are quite uniform and very nearly straight. You will like this variety: Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.00.

- HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA—The most widely used baby lima. This is an early lima (65 days) with a small, bushy, and erect plant. The pods are about 3 inches long. The seed is creamy white. This variety is a good yielder with good quality. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- COWEY—We have a small supply of this beautiful and early bush lima. The bean is red in color and will germinate in colder soils than white varieties. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. 90 cts.

SOY BEAN

PANDO—This soy bean was brought to America from Korea by Prof. Meader. It is early, has high quality, large in size, and far superior to any other edible soy bean we have ever tried. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$2.95.

PEAS

- NEW ERA—Billy Hepler is greatly pleased to be able to offer you a variety of peas which will grow in "pea sick" soils. There are two soil fungi that attack peas, and the New Era pea is one of the very few kinds that is resistant to both diseases and the best one that we have at the present time. The pods are not quite as large as World's Record but are bigger and easier to shell than Little Marvel, with high quality. About a 62 day pea. Vines are 30 inches in height. Pkt. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.25; 5 lbs. \$3.00.
- MAYFLOWER—55 days, 15 inches. A UNH introduction. This pea was developed by Dr. Yeager as an extra high quality pea. The pods are small but the variety is early and much better than ordinary varieties in quality. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. 90 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.70.
- WORLD'S RECORD—58 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. A favorite with both market and home gardeners. This variety has large pods, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. It is a very heavy yielder and early. A high quality pea. Pkt. 20 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.15; 5 lbs. \$2.65.
- LITTLE MARVEL—62 days, 15 inches. A short, stocky, extremely prolific variety of high quality for the home garden. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.15; 5 lbs. \$2.65.
- GREATER PROGRESS—This is one of the best of the early, large peas. It is slightly later than World's Record and has pods 4 to 5 inches long. The vines are dwarf, about 18 inches high, but are loaded with uniform pods well suited for the roadside market. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.15; 5 lbs. \$2.65.
- FREEZONIAN—65 days, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. An improved Thomas Laxton pea—ideal for freezing. It is taller than Thomas Laxton and more productive. The pods are 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, well filled and uniform in shape and size. You will like this variety. Pkt. 20 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.15; 5 lbs. \$2.65.

TALL TELEPHONE-75 days, 4 to 5 feet. The best of the late, tall growing peas. It needs staking. This variety is unexcelled for fresh use, freezing and canning. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 35 cts.; 1 lb. 65 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.15; 5 lbs. \$2.65.

ONEIDA—This variety produced an abundance of such nice peas in a central New Hampshire garden that we are offering it as the best late variety. It is a 70-day pea, growing about 3½ feet in height. An excellent market garden and roadside market variety. Pkt. 25 ets.;

1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.25; 5 lbs. \$3.00.

SWEET CORN

The Billy Hepler Seed Co. is offering six varieties of golden sweet corn maturing in rotation. All have exceptionally high quality. Every year in our tests these varieties are outstanding. A planting in May and another in June of each of these six kinds will furnish your table with a continuous supply of the World's best fresh, frozen, or canned corn.

- KINGSCROST M 13--65 to 70 days. A single cross hybrid; this variety in our tests has always excelled all others in earliness, high quality, beauty of ear, and eveness in ripening. The ears are of the 8 rowed Golden Bantam type, small in diameter but about 7 inches long. I recommend this variety for an early, high quality home garden sweet corn. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.20.
- GOLDEN ROCKET-70 to 75 days. This variety is widely grown in northern USA and Canada, as an extremely high quality 12 rowed market corn about 2 weeks earlier than Golden Cross. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.20.
- GOLDEN BANTAM EAR PACK-75 days. A whole ear pack corn. This is an 8 rowed variety with slightly larger ears than M 13. The variety is sweeter than M 13. It does not fill out the tip of the ear as well as M 13. It is an exceptionally fine table or whole ear pack corn. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.20.
- GOLDEN GLORY—80 days. A 12 rowed sweet corn. Medium to large ears with the same high quality and beauty of ear as M13. Pkt. 20 cts.; 1/2 lb. 45 cts.; 1 lb. 85 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.60; 5 lbs. \$3.20.

FOR A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF SWEET CORN

for your garden we offer a Large package each of:

Golden Rocket Golden Cross Bantam Golden Glory Kingscrost M 13

It is to be ordered as the

LARGE SWEET CORN PACKAGE - Price 75 cts.

GOLDEN CROSS BANTAM—90 days. The standard, late, high quality yellow corn. Pkt. 20 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 80 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.55; 5 lbs. \$3.10.

IOCHIEF—We are offering this corn to supply the demand for a large eared (14-20 rows), heavy producing, high quality, late market corn. It ripens a day or two later than Golden Cross Bantam. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.; 2 lbs. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$3.00.

For the Small Home Gardener, we offer the SMALL SWEET CORN PACKAGE. It includes the same four varieties as the Large Sweet Corn Package. Price 50 cts.

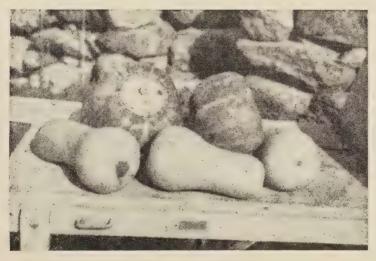
POPCORN

CARNIVAL—A UNH introduction. A brilliantly colored popcorn, successor to the Rainbow variety. It has all the colors of the rainbow may be used for either popping or decoration. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 40 cts.; 1 lb. 75 cts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOLDEN—An early maturing yellow rice popcorn of exceptionally high quality when popped. Our strain has been developed from ears that popped with a volume increase of 25 to 30; very high for a home garden variety. Seed is still scarce. Pkt. 25 ets.; ½ lb. 75 ets.; 1 lb. \$1.25.

SQUASH

BABY BLUE—A UNH introduction. This squash is a cross between Blue Hubbard and Bush Buttercup, with the color of the Blue Hubbard and the quality of the Buttercup squash. It has a thick, deep yellow, dry flesh and high sugar content. In my opinion it has the highest quality of all winter squash. The plant is small, being semi bush. The squash weigh from 3 to 5 lbs. and are very solid. The size of this squash makes it ideal for the roadside stand or the home gardener. Baby Blue is edible in all stages of growth from a newly set 2-day old squash to maturity and is extra good in all stages. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 30 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.50; ½ lb. \$2.55; 1 lb. \$3.95.



Bush Buttercup and Butternut Squash



Baby Blue Squash

NEW HAMPSHIRE BUSH BUTTERCUP—A UNH introduction. An improved Buttercup squash earlier in maturity, and higher yielding. It sets its first fruit close to the stem of the plant. It has shorter internodes, therefore a shorter plant. There is considerable Bush Buttercup seed on the market that is not the New Hampshire strain and has poor quality. Ours is Dr. Yeager's special strain grown at West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, to insure earliness and high quality. You will like this squash for your home or commercial garden. And be sure to try it for pies; it is tops. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1 oz. 60 cts.; ½ lb. \$2.25; 1 lb. \$7.00.

BUTTERCUP—Buttercup is a dry winter squash about the same size as Baby Blue. It is similar to Bush Buttercup but has a turban on the blossom end. The outside color is dark green with silvery white lines. Its flesh is deep yellow in color and excellent in quality. The vines are large and productive but later than Bush Buttercup. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.55; 1 lb. \$3.75.

BLUE HUBBARD - ROGERS STRAIN—This is a really remarkable strain of Blue Hubbard squash, vigorous, fast growing with beautiful thick meat. The squash are large in size, long and tapering, heavy; a truly fine monument to Mr. Rogers, who spent a lifetime developing it. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 40 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$4.25; 5 lbs. \$20.00.

BUTTERNUT—A popular squash in New England. Our strain of this squash is the short, straight-necked type preferred by the New England market gardener. This variety is popular with the home gardener as well as the commercial gardener. It is an excellent baking squash. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$3.75.

ROYAL ACORN—A selection out of Table Queen. The outside shell is a dull, dark green. It is an excellent baking squash, bigger than Table Queen. For best quality the fruit should not be picked until the outside shell is hard. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 45 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.25; 1 lb. \$3.25.

SUMMER SQUASH

CASERTA — Introduced by the University of Connecticut. An all America Selections Gold Medal winner in 1949. It is the earliest of the Cocozelle group. A high yielding, high quality, very early summer squash of a light green color. The squash is about the size of a large cucumber. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.25; 1 lb. \$3.75.

EARLY PROLIFIC STRAIGHTNECK—A high yielding summer squash for the home garden. It has a bush type plant which permits closer planting than for ordinary types of squash. The fruits have a creamy color and are straight. I suggest you try this variety. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 90 cts.; 1 lb. \$3.10.

PUMPKIN

SMALL SUGAR or NEW ENGLAND PIE PUMPKIN—The best of all pie pumpkins for home or commercial use. This is the pumpkin that brightens our fall season. Our seed has been grown in Durham and especially selected from the medium-sized, dark yellow pumpkins. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.75.

CONNECTICUT FIELD—The standard large pumpkin. The fruits weigh 20 pounds and often much larger. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.75.



N. H. Midget, the earliest watermelon



Our 1955 plot of Merrimack Sweetheart Watermelons

WATERMELON

NEW HAMPSHIRE MIDGET—A UNH introduction; All America Selections Gold Medal winner, 1951. It is very early in maturity, high in quality, and so small that it fits into the icebox. When cut in two it serves two people. It is one of the most productive melons I have ever seen. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 30 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$4.10.

MERRIMACK SWEETHEART—A Billy Hepler Seed Co. introduction. This melon came originally from Japan but has been reselected for northern conditions. It is early and has excellent quality. In 1955 we picked our first ripe melon in Durham, August 10th, from June planted seed. It is round and weighs from seven to ten pounds. I prefer this variety of watermelon above all others. You will like it too. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 60 cts.; ¼ lb. \$2.00; 1 lb. \$5.00.

MUSKMELON

GRANITE STATE—A UNH introduction. All America Selections Bronze Medal winner, 1951. An early, high quality muskmelon bred especially for a northern climate and short, cool summers. The sugar content of this variety is higher than in ordinary muskmelons. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 30 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.55.; 1 lb. \$3.95.

- DELICIOUS 51—This is an early, high quality, fusarium resistant musk-melon from Cornell University, New York. It is an excellent roadside market melon. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.55.
- IROQUOIS—A medium sized, nearly round muskmelon with prominent ribs and good netting. Flesh is orange in color, thick, fine grained, high quality and sweet in flavor. About the same maturity as Bender's Surprise. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.55.
- PENN SWEET—A Penn State Univ. introduction. We grew this fine melon in our fields this year and it was productive and very high in quality. It has thick flesh, a very small seed cavity and it ripens about a week or 10 days later than Granite State. It is an excellent keeper. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ oz. 40 cts.; ¼ lb. \$3.00.

ASPARAGUS

MARY WASHINGTON—Developed by the U.S.D.A. It has large green spears with tight purple-tinted tips of fine quality. Very productive and uniform. It is resistant to asparagus rust. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.05; 1 lb. \$3.05.

We also offer one year old asparagus plants. 10 plants \$1.00; 50 plants \$3.00; 100 plants \$5.00.

BEET

- CROSBY'S EGYPTIAN—The best early bunching beet. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 65 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.00.
- DETROIT DARK RED—A high quality, round beet, 2 weeks later than Crosby's Egyptian. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 65 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.00.

BROCCOLI

- ITALIAN GREEN SPROUTING—The standard early variety of sprouting broccoli. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 30 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.60; 1 lb. \$4.10.
- EARLIEST—An excellent early, medium sized, and productive broccoli, maturing in 88 days. It has an abundance of side shoots after the center head is cut. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 60 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.80.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

LONG ISLAND IMPROVED—Plant is small and compact. The stem is well covered with firm, round sprouts which mature in succession. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 40 cts.; 1 oz. 70 cts.; ¼ lb. \$2.60.

CABBAGE

EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD—A very early home garden variety of high quality. The heads are conical and firm. For a continuous crop we recommend planting 10 feet of row every two weeks until August first. Thin to 15 inches. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 30 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.40; 1 lb. \$4.00.

- GOLDEN ACRE—The standard early, round variety for market or home. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.60; 1 lb. \$5.00.
- BONANZA—The biggest advance in cabbage varieties in many years. Bonanza has a round very firm head. When planted 2 feet apart, it may grow up to 8 or 10 pounds, in weight, but should be planted closer in rich soil and sold when the heads run 4 to 5 pounds. It is a little later than Golden Acre but certainly superior in quality. It will grow for a long time without splitting. Pkt. 20 cts.; ½ oz. 50 cts.; 1 oz. 90 cts.; ¼ lb. \$2.90; 1 lb. \$9.00.
- DANISH BALLHEAD—A late, long keeping, solid headed cabbage for winter use. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.60; 1 lb. \$5.00.

RED CABBAGE

RED ACRE—An early red variety. The plants are small, compact and short stemmed. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 40 cts.; 1 oz. 75 cts.; ¼ lb. \$2.20.

SAVOY CABBAGE

CHIEFTAIN—Standard variety of Savoy cabbage. Heads are round on top and flat at base. The leaves are uniformly savoyed. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. 35 cts.; 1 oz. 55 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.55; 1 lb. \$4.50.

CHINESE CABBAGE

MICHIHLI—A uniform strain of Chinese Cabbage. Has dark green foliage and firm heads 18-20 inches tall. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. 95 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.70.

CAULIFLOWER

SUPER SNOWBALL—An extra early, free heading variety. Pkt. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$1.80; 1 oz. \$3.25; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$10.00; 1 lb. \$25.00.

CARROT

- ROYAL CHANTENAY—We think this is the best of the Chantenay strains. It is longer and smoother. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 45 cts.; ½ lb. 85 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.75.
- NANTES—The best quality home garden carrot. Tops too weak for bunching. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 45 cts.; ½ lb. 85 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.75.
- IMPERATOR—A long, smooth bunching carrot for commercial use. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 45 cts.; ½ lb. 85 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.75.

CELERY

SUMMER PASCAL—The variety that New England prefers. It is early, has high quality, thick stemmed and tender. Pkt. 15 cts.; ½ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$1.75.

CUCUMBER

- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PICKLING—Very prolific, uniform, and of the type preferred by the packing trade. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. 90 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.40.
- HIGHMOOR—A Maine Experiment Station introduction. A scab resistant slicer. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. 85 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.40.
- STRAIGHT EIGHT—An early, prolific, and long, slicing cucumber. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. 90 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.40.
- MARKETER—A heavy yielding slicing cucumber. Fruits are a dark green in color and grow 7 to 8 inches in length. The fruit is straight and slightly tapered at the ends. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 35 cts.; ½ lb. 90 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.40.

ENDIVE

GREEN CURLED RUFFEC—A variety with deeply cut leaf margins. It is medium large in size and blanches well at the heart. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 65 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.00.

LETTUCE

- PENNLAKE—A new early strain of Great Lakes lettuce from Pennsylvania State University. It is earlier and more compact than the regular Great Lakes. It is also more resistant to tipburn. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 70 cts.; ½ lb. \$2.00.
- GREAT LAKES—The best heading variety of the Iceberg type in warm weather. Thin to 15 inches between plants when small for best results. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 70 cts.; ½ lb. \$2.00.
- BLACK SEEDED SIMPSON—The favorite home garden, loose leaf lettuce. It is the kind your grandmother grew in her garden and you will like it just as well as she did. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 40 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.15.
- SLOBOLT—An improved leaf lettuce of the Black Seeded Simpson type popular with home gardeners. It stands without bolting longer than any other variety. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 50 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.45.
- OAK LEAF—The highest quality leaf lettuce for the home garden. In appearance Oak Leaf is similar to Salad Bowl but its quality is far superior when grown in New England. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 40 cts.; 1/4 lb. \$1.25.
- WHITE BOSTON—The best of the butter head varieties. Thin to 10 inches between plants for good heads. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.05.

ONION

- UTAH SWEET SPANISH—A large, globe shaped onion weighing up to 2 lbs. Seed may be started in the greenhouse in March for transplanting. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 75 cts.; ½ lb. \$2.10.
- EARLY YELLOW GLOBE—An excellent variety to grow from seed. Thin to 2 or 3 inches. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 60 cts.; ½ lb. \$1.90.

All seed onions should be sown early, May if possible.

PARSLEY

PARAMOUNT—Finely curled leaves, rapid grower. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 75 cts.



Utah Sweet Spanish Onion

PLAIN LEAF—Grand-dad always grew this parsley in his garden for flavoring soups, stews, pot pies, and other meat dishes. Sow early and thin to 6-8 inches. Pkt. 15 ets.; 1 oz. 25 ets.; 1/4 lb. 75 ets.

PARSNIP

MODEL—The standard market or home garden variety. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.

RADISH

- EARLY SCARLET GLOBE—The best early or button radish. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.20.
- BUCCANEER—A uniform, globe shaped, short topped radish with a lustrous red exterior. It is a little later than Early Scarlet Globe and keeps longer. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.20.
- CHERRY BELLE—A very attractive, smooth, uniform radish with short tops. It is good for either the home garden or market. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.; 1 lb. \$1.20.

SPINACH

- LONG STANDING BLOOMSDALE—An excellent spring and summer variety. Pkt. 10 cts.; 1 oz. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.
- AMERICA—An All America Silver Medal winner. A long standing, slow bolting, and slow growing Bloomsdale type spinach. When thinned to five inches or more it will last at least 2 weeks longer than ordinary spinach. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 25 cts.; ½ lb. 50 cts.

SWISS CHARD

FORDHOOK GIANT—Large, thick, heavily crumpled leaves with broad, thick, white stems. Pkt. 15 cts.; 1 oz. 30 cts.; ½ lb. 65 cts.; 1 lb. \$2.00

TURNIP

PURPLE TOP WHITE GLOBE—A medium to large white turnip. It is 3 weeks later than Milan. We use this variety as a fall crop after string beans, peas, early cabbage, and other early crops, sowing the seed broadcast by August 20. Pkt. 10 cts.; 1 oz. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.

PURPLE TOP WHITE MILAN—A small, high quality fall turnip. Pkt. 10 cts.; 1 oz. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.

RUTABAGA

MACOMBER—The white fleshed variety grown on Cape Cod. Pkt. 10 cts.; 1 oz. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.

IMPROVED LONG ISLAND—An excellent, yellow fleshed rutabaga. Pkt. 10 cts.; 1 oz. 20 cts.; ½ lb. 45 cts.

PLANTS

Kandee Sweet Potato Plants

Billy Hepler offers plants of the Kandee variety, ready for planting out about May 25. Sweet potatoes are usually planted on 6-inch ridges in a warm, sandy soil, and about 24 inches between plants. The Kandee variety has yielded at the rate of 350 bushels per acre at the Experiment Station farm for 5 years. Kandee sweet potatoes are really high in quality. 75 cts. per dozen, postpaid.

Grapes

VAN BUREN - KENDAIA - FREDONIA

Two-year-old vines of the three best varieties for New Hampshire. They are all black in color. Van Buren is the easiest to grow and very early. When properly grown and sprayed, Kendaia has the nicest bunches and best quality. 1 plant, \$1.00; 10 plants, \$7.50.

Chestnuts

THE BLIGHT RESISTANT KOREAN CHESTNUTS

A few trees, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high. Professor Meader, who brought these from Korea, advises to plant at least two for cross pollination. While this variety has done well in Durham, we feel that we are on the northern limit. Per plant, \$1.50.

Shrubs

Two-Year Old Per	Plant
James MacFarlane Lilac, Choice - pink flowers, late	\$2.00
Japanese Lilac, cream colored flowers, late - grows 20' tall	1.50
Harvard Forsythia, beautiful large flowers, deep orange color	2.00

Peaches

We have a few of the new peaches released by the Experiment Station, which apparently are considerably more hardy than the old varieties.

Sunapee, late, ripens early September, yellow flesh. This variety is productive and well worth planting. It bears fruit when others fail.

Eclipse, a standard midseason peach which has always produced good crops for me

Single trees at Durham, \$2.50; 10 trees \$17.50

Strawberries

We will have the following strawberries for sale at Durham or by parcel post from Quincy, N. H.: Phelps, Great Bay and Blaze; also the Durham and N. H.-101 raspberries.

	25	50	100	500
Strawberry, Phelps (early)	3.00	5.00	8.50	40.00
Great Bay (early)	3.00	5.00	8.50	40.00
Blaze (midseason)	3.00	5.00	8.50	40.00

Raspberries

Durham Raspberry—25 plants \$4.50; 50 plants \$8.00; 100 plants \$14.00.

N. H. 101 Red Raspberry—A UNH introduction. Several growers have told me that this is one of the best of the UNH introductions. The plant is short—3 to 4 feet, but produces heavily. The berries ripen in midseason. They are large in size and good in quality. By Parcel Post from Quincy, N. H. 5 plants \$2.75; 10 plants \$5.00; 25 plants \$10.00; 50 plants \$20.00; 100 plants \$30.00.

If you get them in Durham you will be credited with shipping cost which is about 10% of the price.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Korean Chrysanthemums

The Korean Chrysanthemums constitute an entirely new strain selected from across, with a small but hardy plant from Korea. These hardy Mums are unsurpassed for brilliant fall color and long-lasting cut flowers.

New Hampshire Chrysanthemums

The New Hampshire originations and other varieties, selected for vigor, hardiness, earliness and frost resistance, are well suited for northern New England.

Strong rooted cuttings will develop into large blooming plants by fall if set in May or first half of June. Protect from frost at time of planting.

- A. New Hampshire originations collection (in golds, yellows, reds, bronze).
- B. The all-color collection for the North (white, pink, purple, red, bronze, yellow).

Postpaid	5	10
Offer 1 (A or B) all different varieties (labeled) but any or all colors may be selected.	\$1.75	\$3.00
Offer 2 (A or B) Assorted varieties (unlabeled	1.50	2.75
Offer 3 (A or B) Any one color and variety (labeled)	1.00	1.75
Offer 4 (A or B) Assorted varieties, unlabeled, our selection	1.25	2.25

Minimum order - \$2.00

State when wanted. Earliest and latest

These Mums will be shipped from Exeter, New Hampshire.



Our Seed Crops

DADANT BEE SUPPLIES Beginner's Outfit - Price \$28.75

Includes complete modern hive, inner cover, 3-lb. package of bees with hybrid "Starline" Queen, bee gloves, veil, hive tool, smoker, and a complete shallow super.

The Billy Hepler Seed Co. will carry a full line of Dadant bee materials. A few of the more common items are listed below.

1 Complete Hive, no foundation, wt. 30 lbs	75
	10
1 Standard Metal Cover and Inner Cover, wt. 12 lbs 3.	95
1 Shallow Super with frames, no foundation, wt. 10 lbs 3.	50
1 Hive Body with Standard Brood Frames, wt. 16 lbs 5.	00
1 Comb Honey Super, complete without sections, wt. 9 lbs 3.	00
Split Sections, $4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 1 = 7/8$, per 100, wt. 6 lbs	.00
50 sheets Medium Brood, wired foundation for deep frames, wt.	
9 lbs	75
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Alexander Bee Veil, wt. 1 lb 2.	.75
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	.75
10 inch Hive Tool, wt. 1 lb	.00
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A Complete List of Bee Supplies and Prices Sent Upon Request Prices subject to change without notice POSTAGE EXTRA ON ALL BEE SUPPLIES